

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS DIVISION

Note: Interim reports are due every six months throughout the life of the grant. Failure to submit timely and acceptable progress reports places a grantee in noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and can result in withholding, suspension, or termination of the grant award.

1. Project Title: **Montana Community Revitalization Project: Heritage Planning for the New Decade**
2. NPS Grant Number: **#30-10-AP-5043**
3. **X** A completed FFR, *Federal Financial Report*, for this report period is attached. Directions for completing the form can be found in the Grant Manual.
4. Briefly describe the progress through January 31, 2011 in completing the objectives listed under the Grant Agreement Scope of Work (typically Special Condition #15).

During the period August 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, we notified all of our Preserve America communities regarding the availability of subgrants for planning projects within their communities. Nine applications were received and six of the nine applications were awarded subgrants. These six subgrantees are as follows:

Community	Description	Amount
Jefferson County	Feasibility Study for Renovation of the Borden's Hotel Building in Whitehall	\$ 8,000
Missoula County	Nature and Culture at the Confluence, Interpreting Milltown	\$18,000
City of Lewistown	Reed and Bowles Trading Post Preservation Project	\$ 9,500
City of Great Falls	Establish Technical Assistance Program	\$21,500
City-County of Butte-Silver Bow	Update the Butte-Anaconda Regional Historic Preservation Plan	\$20,000
Anaconda Deer Lodge County	Preservation of Deer Lodge County Courthouse – Preliminary Architectural Report	\$20,000

In addition to the above subgrantees, a planning facilitator was selected to work with each of the above communities in streamlining and focusing their project proposals as well as working with each community to ensure public participation in the planning process.

A subgrant was developed with the Department of Commerce's Main Street Program to provide community diagnostic support via a competitive application

process. A preliminary webinar for all potential applicants for Main Street Funding is scheduled to be held in February 2011. Successful applicants will work with Main Street's facilitator to diagnose their Main Street project and develop a plan customized for each community.

A draft contract was reviewed with the Museums Association of Montana to initiate an updated study on the economic impact of Montana's museums. A consultant has already been selected to perform the study, which is scheduled to begin this spring.

5. Briefly describe any difficulties you have encountered in completing the grant work to date.

To date, we have encountered no difficulties in initiating our grant work.

6. Describe the status of complying with all applicable Special Conditions required under your grant agreement.

A. NPS Concurrence with Consultant Selection

The State Historic Preservation Office has complied with NPS consultant selection requirements. To date, one consultant has been selected to provide facilitation services for our subgrantees, but her contract is less than \$25,000. Four proposals were reviewed for these services.

B. NPS Review of Plans and Specifications or other Draft Products

N/A - No construction projects will be funded through this grant.

C. Section 106 Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed this project for Section 106 compliance and found that the project will have no impact to historic properties, per 800.4(d)(1).

D. Project Sign Installation

N/A - No construction projects will be funded through this grant.

E. National Register Nomination

N/A – This is a planning project, and National Register nominations are not an outcome of the grant activities. However, one subgrantee, Jefferson County, is seeking a National Register nomination for the building being studied in their subgrant. The State Historic Preservation Office is aware of this nomination and will provide assistance with their nomination efforts.

7. Please specify any changes to the Scope of Work and/or Budget you would like to request at this time.

At this phase of the grant implementation, the scope of work and budget are consistent with our original grant proposal. In lieu of funding an initial statewide workshop with the Main Street Program, however, the State Historic Preservation Office will collaborate to bring in a consultant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to work individually with interested Main Street communities. This change was necessary due to the timing of the initial workshop, which took place in September 2010, prior to the date of our award notification.

8. If you need an extension to the end date of this project, please explain why and provide a new timeline for completion of the grant work.

N/A - No extension to the end date of this project is needed at this time.

9. ☐ Attach several photographs or digital images showing ALL grant work completed during the reporting period. Images may be submitted by email or on CD to NPS.

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